

# Young Entrepreneur Awards



The National Federation of Independent Business Young Entrepreneur Foundation announced the 2010 recipients of the eighth annual NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards, a scholarship program designed to reward and encourage entrepreneurial talents among high school students. A list of winners can be found below.

The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award recipients will attend the university, college, community college or vocational/technical institute of their choice with \$1,000-\$10,000 in tuition assistance from the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation.

This year the NFIB YEF Awards program will award 141 scholarships to young entrepreneurs nationwide thanks to the financial support from numerous small business leaders, corporate and foundation supporters. This year's major corporate sponsors are Visa, Inc. and Sam's Club.

The NFIB Young Entrepreneur program was established to raise awareness among the nation's youth of the critical role that private enterprise and entrepreneurship play in the building of America. Since 2003, the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation has awarded 2,095 scholarships to graduating high school seniors totaling \$2,382,000.

The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award program is administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services Inc. This assures complete impartiality in the selection of recipients and maintains a high level of professionalism.

The 2011 scholarship application process will open late October 2010. To receive more information or to join our mailing list, please contact the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation at [yef@nfib.org](mailto:yef@nfib.org).

# 2010 YEF Awards

## Alaska

Brett Wells (Valdez): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

## Alabama

Ethan King (Harvest): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

Michala Mesler (Fairhope): NFIB/Phyllis Kennedy Young Entrepreneur Award

Paul Shashy (Montgomery): NFIB/Visa Young Entrepreneur Award

## Arkansas

Zachary Hendricks (Conway): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

Candyce Morgan (Jonesboro): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

Ian Purkayastha (Fayetteville): National NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

## Arizona

Michael Buric (Scottsdale): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Scott Buscemi (Scottsdale): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Samara Carlon (Peoria): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Rachel Corbin (Buckeye): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Teagan Hasler (Yuma): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

John Nino Pulvera (Litchfield Park): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

## California

Brady Baldwin (Fairfield): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Elizabeth Breiter (Yorba Linda): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Morganne Burchell (Porterville): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Kyle Champ (San Diego): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Quincy Chau (Westminster): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Ian Cinnamon (Sherman Oaks): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Ryan Elliott (Templeton): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

JonMichael Evelynveere (Rancho Cucamongo): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Brian Kim (El Dorado Hills): NFIB/California Leadership Council Young Entrepreneur Award

Melissa Klose (Rancho Palos Verdes): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Doris Kwok (Monterey Park): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Alexandria Laher (Orinda): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Amy Le (Huntington Beach): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Derek Lecot (Costa Mesa): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Jessica Ly (Santa Ana): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Shelby Miller (Auburn): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Sumit Mitra (Irvine): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Lindsey Paterson (Elk Grove): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Kassandra Perez (Oakland): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Maxwell Praglin (Los Angeles): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Sean Pringle (Pismo Beach): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
William Rose (Shingle Springs): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Tejas Shah (San Diego): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Joshua Suarez (Tracy): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Charles Sun (Los Gatos): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Rebecca Trupp (Riverside): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Shayna Turk (Agoura Hills): National NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Chase Vance (Palmdale): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Nathan Veldkamp (Santa Rosa): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Crystal Yan (Cupertino): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Colorado

Miranda Parmer (Hugo): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
John Swenson (Arvada): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Connecticut

Shenice Brown (Danbury): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
David Conway (Wilton): National NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Mitchell Krasney (Old Lyme): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Vincent Moore (Bloomfield): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Delaware

Andrew Folz (Wyoming): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Florida

Parker Borelli (Naples): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Brandon Gardner (Jupiter): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Georgia

Michael Cleveland (Gainesville): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Raphael Dunham (Douglasville): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Jewelton Jones (Powder Springs): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Stephen Lyons (Cumming): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Jarrett Morgan (Grayson): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Andrew Varghese (Suwanee): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Iowa

Lin Zhang (Johnson): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Idaho

Christopher Schrette (Lewiston): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Illinois

Lauren Barrett (Macomb): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Victor Brakauskas (Lemont): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Patrick Callahan (Oak Lawn): NFIB/Kathleen & Richard F. Duffy Young Entrepreneur Award  
Frank Konrath (Chicago): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
David Orr (Effingham): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award  
Jahred Zmolek (South Elgin): NFIB/Lloyd E. Falconer Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Indiana

Brian Sahn (Indianapolis): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Robert Widner (Ft. Wayne): NFIB/Edward J. Bowman Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Kentucky

Spencer Walsh (Louisville): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Massachusetts

Thomas Cheever (Kingston): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Thanh Pham (Wellesley): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Brian Pray (Westfield): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Maryland

Drew Henderson (Dayton): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Brooke Scott (Ellicott City): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Michigan

David Groechel (Novi): NFIB/Michigan Leadership Council Young Entrepreneur Award

#### Minnesota

Kelly Froehlich (Grasston): NFIB/Minnesota Leadership Council Young Entrepreneur Award

## Missouri

Nancy Jackson (New Cambria): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Benjamin Jennings (Centralia): NFIB/Charlie Runser Young Entrepreneur Award

## North Carolina

Kenneth Brown ( Mooresville): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Jason Hallman (Hillsborough): NFIB/North Carolina Leadership Council Young Entrepreneur Award

## Nebraska

Sydney Swanson (Alliance): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

## New Jersey

Matthew Palmisano (West Caldwell): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Michael Ruane (Belford): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Jordan Weiss (Livingston): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

## New York

Jason Carville (Rochester): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Nicole Johnson (New York): NFIB/New York Leadership Council Young Entrepreneur  
Joshua Seiden (Plainview): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Matthew Turcotte (Clayton): NFIB/ New York Leadership Council Young Entrepreneur

## Ohio

Fred Coulson (Loveland): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Jacob Detwiler (Marysville): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Nicholas Francis (Sylvania): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Stephen Gacka (Lakewood): NFIB/Henry J. Kopcial Young Entrepreneur Award  
Megan Gajoch (Strongsville): NFIB/Edward & Frances Patterson Young Entrepreneur Award  
Joseph Glandorf (Powell): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Joshua Main (Weston): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award  
Drew Murray (Broadview Heights): NFIB/Daniel J. Mirto Young Entrepreneur Award  
Catherine Wimer (Lewis Center): NFIB/Joanie Kovach Memorial Young Entrepreneur Award

## Oklahoma

Megan Harris (Ponca City): NFIB/Harold Cogman Young Entrepreneur Award

## Oregon

Anne Marie Sketch (Lincoln City): NFIB/Oregon Leadership Council Young Entrepreneur Award

## Pennsylvania

Zachary Bird (Erie): NFIB/Stephen S. Stack Young Entrepreneur Award

Molly Finn (Coraopolis): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

Rachel Hoffman (Bethlehem): NFIB/Bonnie & Tom Musser Young Entrepreneur Award

## South Dakota

Emily Hansen (Letcher): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

Lukas VanLaecken (Letcher): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

## Tennessee

Sydney Ball (Jackson): NFIB/ Tennessee Leadership Council Young Entrepreneur Award

Bradley Coppinger (Woodbury): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

Kendall Waddey (Nashville): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

## Texas

Tyson Adams (Harker Heights): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Annabelle Anderson (Houston): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Katie Anderson (Houston): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Dillon Auvenshine (Stephenville): NFIB/Eddie Boykin Young Entrepreneur Award

Rose Cherian (Stafford): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Alexander Everett (Houston): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Kristen Flint (Houston): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Aaron Gomez (Humble): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Austin Hochstatter (Austin): National NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

Christina Kramer (Santa Fe): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Sammy Lam (San Antonio): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Christopher Malone (Houston): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Michael McClary (Converse): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Chandani Radia (Houston): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Daniel Snider (San Antonio): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Nicole Tran (Houston): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

Chelsea Wisniske (Houston): NFIB/Sam's Club Young Entrepreneur Award

## Utah

Easton Cox (Manti): NFIB/Visa Inc. Young Entrepreneur Award

## Virginia

Liana Alpino (Williamsburg): NFIB/Visa Inc.Young Entrepreneur Award  
Denghui Chen (Fairfax): NFIB/Visa Inc.Young Entrepreneur Award  
Kelsey Greene (Forest): NFIB/B.F. Dodson Family Young Entrepreneur Award  
Michael Nenner (Oak Hill): NFIB/Visa Inc.Young Entrepreneur Award  
Arunav Sinha (Fairfax): NFIB/Visa Inc.Young Entrepreneur Award  
Jonathan South (Richmond): NFIB/Visa Inc.Young Entrepreneur Award

## Vermont

John Triano (Northfield): NFIB/Visa Inc.Young Entrepreneur Award

## Washington

Gabriel Davis (Mercer Island): NFIB/Visa Inc.Young Entrepreneur Award  
Elisabeth Jackson (Olympia): NFIB/Betty & Steve Neighbors Young  
Entrepreneur Award  
Stephen Luxton (Sequim): NFIB/Washington State Leadership Council Young  
Entrepreneur Award  
Kyle Moore (Colville): NFIB/Washington State Leadership Council Young  
Entrepreneur Award  
Alice Zhang (Bellevue): NFIB/Washington State Leadership Council Young  
Entrepreneur Award

## Wisconsin

Erik Miller (Wausau): NFIB/Visa Inc.Young Entrepreneur Award

## West Virginia

Alex Burke (Charleston): NFIB/Visa Inc.Young Entrepreneur Award  
Robert DeSignore (New Creek): NFIB/Visa Inc.Young Entrepreneur Award

## Wyoming

Andrew Carpenter (Lingle): NFIB/Wyoming Leadership Council Young  
Entrepreneur Award